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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALBEE, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STERLING, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus. E. C. BATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry. E. C. SAKURU DRAGON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.
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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND,.....650,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOPKINS, Esq.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Office of the Corporation.

No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....\$800,000.
RESERVE FUND,.....\$110,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
WE have been appointed AGENTS for the GERMANIC LLOYD, GERMAN AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF SHIPS.

MELCHERS & CO.
Hongkong, September 11, 1877.

NOTICE.
MR. F. W. HAGEDORN has ceased to be a Partner in our Firm here and in China.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & CO.
Hongkong, September 1, 1877.

NOTICE.
MR. EDWARD BURNETT will conduct the BUSINESS of my Office, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,
Surveyor to Local Offices,
and Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, March 17, 1877.

NOTICE.
FROM This Date Mr. EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr. M. W. GREEN, are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm per Procurator at Foochow, and Mr. F. F. EWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & CO.
China, June 1, 1877.

NOTICE.
MR. F. C. DITTMER is authorized to sign our Firm per Procurator.

SANDER & CO.
Hongkong, June 23, 1877.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE;
A NEW COTTAGE PIANO, by SCHWARK;
BEAUTIFUL WATER-COLOURS,
ENGRAVINGS, CHROMOS,
&c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from T. SHURAFFALY, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 22nd Instant, at his Residence, No. 27, Wellington Street, at 2 p.m.—

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD and OFFICE FURNITURE, consisting of: Walnut and Satin-covered Couches and Chairs, Blackwood Marble-top Tables, a nice Collection of Water-Colours, Engravings, and Chromos; Carpetting, Marble Clocks, a Large Statuette ("Venus"), with Glass Shade, Bagetelle Table, Side Tables, Pier Glasses, a new Cottage Piano, Dining Table and Chairs, Whatnots, Sideboard, Complete Dinner and Dessert Services, Glass and Platedware.

BEDROOM and OFFICE FURNITURE.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. GUEDES, JR.,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, September 13, 1877. se22

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LEMMERT, ATKINSON & CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

At a Date hereafter to be named,—
The British Barque

ALPHINGTON,

of 326 Tons Register or of about 8,000 tons Carrying Capacity, with all her TACKLE, APPAREL and INVENTORY.

The Vessel was Built under Lloyd's special survey at Berwick-on-Tweed in 1856, Classed 12 years A. I. at Lloyd's and continued in 1868 A. I. for 8 years. She was Remasted over Felt in London in July, 1875.

TERMS.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, the remainder upon Transfer being effected. The Vessel is at Purchaser's risk immediately after fall of hammer.

Hongkong, August 25, 1877.

For Sale.

CUTLER, PALMER & CO.'s
Celebrated
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIRMISSEN & CO.
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

FOR SALE.

BERLIN TIVOLI BEER, in Cases of 4 Doz. Quarts.

WEILER & CO.

Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE LARGE MAP OF THE WORLD
in Chinese, with Explanations, which is described in the China Review, Vol VI, p. 62, as "A Complete Atlas of the Two Hemispheres Second, Revised and Improved Edition," is an entirely new work. It is for SALE in HONGKONG at the MAN-UT-TONG (文裕堂) shop above the Central School; and in CANTON, at the LONDON MISSION CHAPEL, Cani Road.

Price.—Mounted,.....\$2.50.
Unmounted,.....2.

Hongkong, September 11, 1877. se18

NOTICE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction, Royal Svo., pp. 202.—By ERNST JOHN ETEL, PH.D. Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF.
To be had from MESEN LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESEN KELLY & WALKER, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Intimations.

K WONG HING CHEUNG & CO.,
COAL MERCHANTS.
Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices.

Mr. ALEXANDER has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 87, Praya, or to Mr. F. JACK, at 80, Bing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877. se19

Intimations.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT
OIL.
RELIABLE,
ECONOMICAL,
SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS AND PURCHASES of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOE MTG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING CO.,
80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,
NEW YORK, U. S. A.

POLICE NOTIFICATION.

FIVE ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR NOTES, bearing the following Numbers, were stolen on 11th Instant. Any person presenting them should be detained, and information given to the Police.

The Chartered Merchantile Bank of India, London and China, Nos. 6798, 10246, 6699, 10000 and 8888.

C. V. CREAGH,
Act. Capt. Supt. of Police.

Central Police Station,
September 12, 1877. se15

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

N O T I C E is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Society will be Held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th Inst., at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the Year 1876, and for the half year ending 30th June, 1877.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 26th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

E. MOORE,
Act. Secretary.

Hongkong, September 12, 1877. se26

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. se11

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending on 30th June last, at the rate of ONE POUND STERLING (\$1) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after FRIDAY, the 17th instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 16, 1877. se16

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of Twenty per cent (20%) of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. se11

Intimations.

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, TOILET
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES
CINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,
and Prompt Attention.

TRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,

Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

N O T I C E .

M. A. HAHN begs leave to inform his

numerous Patrons and the Public

generally, of Hongkong, that, by special request, he has now OPENED his ESTABLISHMENT in this Colony at WANSHAII,

in the Premises lately occupied by the

American Consul.

Mr. HAHN trusts to be favored with the

continued Patronage of the public, as he has

lately received a NEW STOCK of RE-

PAIRING MATERIALS, all of the best

qualities, from England, France and Ger-

many. Inspection invited.

Hongkong, September 7, 1877.

D. FALCONER & CO.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,

AND
JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Mails.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,
ISMAILA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,
AND MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 16th September, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *TIGRE*, Comptendant LORMIER, with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 14th September, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 3, 1877. sc15

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STREAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF TOKIO will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 20th instant, 1877, at 12 o'clock Noon, taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mikado Shih S. S. Company will leave Shanghai via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 18th instant. Parcels Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcels Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consign Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Passage and Freight apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 13, 1877. sc20



STREAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London.
Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *LOMBARDY*, Captain HALL, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 22nd September, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 10, 1877. sc22

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

AND

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAEPLIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 1st October, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 30th Instant. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcels Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

For further Information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. E. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, September 10, 1877. sc1

Intimations.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crews of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

TWILIGHT, British barque, Capt. Dalrymple—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

NIMROD, British barque, Capt. Clark—Captain.

ANNIE S. HALL, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

ABERLADY, British barque, Capt. Nicoll—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

BEETHOVEN, German barque, Captain R. Hejo—Molchers & Co.

VISCOUNT MADDOCK, British 3-m. sloop, Capt. Wm. Wright—Borneo Co., Limited.

CREATOR, American ship, Captain W. Lull—Stemmers & Co.

WOODVILLE, British barque, Captain Nielsen—Wm. Puscas & Co.

DANUBE, British steamer, Captain A. Clancy—Yuen Fat Hong.

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham—Wielor & Co.

LOUISA, German 3-m. schooner, Captain Schleicher—Eduard Schellhass & Co.

WEDNESDAY, September 14, 1877. sc15

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILLA (DIRECT).

The Spanish Steamer "MARIELES" will leave for the above Port direct on SATURDAY Next (To-morrow), the 16th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 14, 1877. sc15

FOR SAIGON.

The Steamship "GOLDEN HORN," Captain GEORGE ARON, will be despatched for the above Port on or about TUESDAY, the 18th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to AH YON, Charterer.

Hongkong, September 14, 1877. sc15

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE STEAMERS of this COMPANY will be despatched from this Port in Future at 12 o'clock Noon, instead of 3 p.m. as heretofore.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 14, 1877. sc21

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

IN the event of the "VOLGA," hourly expected from Yokohama, not being arrived TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 15th instant, at 8 o'clock a.m., the departure of the "TIGRE" for Europe will be POSTPONED to 5 o'clock in the Afternoon.

Should the "VOLGA'S" arrival only take place on or about the hour of 12 (Noon) or later, notice will be given of the time appointed for the departure of the "TIGRE," which, under no circumstance, shall not be Postponed later than MONDAY, the 17th instant, at Noon.

H. DU POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, Friday, September 14, 1877.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 13, Norma, British steamer, 603, Walker, Swatow Sept. 12, General—Kwox Acheong.

Sept. 14, Yesso, British steamer, 559, Ashton, Foochow Sept. 11, Amoy 12, and Swatow 13, General—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Sept. 13, Hongkong for Shanghai.

14, H. M. S. Magpie, for Foochow.

14, Brama, for Newchwang.

14, George, for Newchwang.

CLEARED.

Iris, for Newchwang.

Clive, for Foochow.

Bon Accord, for London.

Kaisou, for Vancouver's Island.

A. S. Davis, for San Francisco.

Taiwan, for Coast Ports.

Echo, for Chefoo.

Victory, for Tientsin.

Mercator, for Manila.

Nelson, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

Afarvin.

Per Norma, from Swatow, Capt. Tucker, and 220 Chinese.

Per Vesco, from Coast Ports, Messrs Fairhurst, Colvill and Ebell, and 40 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Hochung, for Shanghai, 78 Chinese.

Per George, for Newchwang, 4 Chinese.

To Depart.

Per Taiwan, for Coast Ports, 100 Chinese.

Per Nelson, for Swatow, 160 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Norma reports: Moderate Westerly and South-westerly winds and fine weather throughout.

In Amoy—5th Consolation (in dock). S. S. Swatow left on the 3rd. In Swatow—Passenger

Names.

Charters Effected.

The following charters have been effected during the last fortnight:—

German ship Galatea, 1200, hence to San Francisco, private.

British schooner Auguste, 210, hence to Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, private.

British Brig Victory, 255, hence to Tientsin and back via Newchwang, 37 cents per picoul, 30 lay days.

British bark Kate Waters, 580, Newchwang to Hongkong, 18 cents per picoul, 25 lay days.

French bark Papillon, 488, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picoul, 30 lay days.

German ship Gustav & Marie, 354, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picoul, 25 lay days.

German bark A. E. Vidal, 332, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picoul, 25 lay days.

German bark Bremia, 380, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picoul, 22 lay days.

German bark Beethoven, 340, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picoul, 25 lay days.

German bark Mikado, 330, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picoul, 24 lay days.

German bark Ross Bottcher, 388 tons, for Guam.

Laid on the berth for London if sufficient indemnity offered, British bark Antipodes, 572 tons, and American ship Titan, 1,229 tons.

German bark Iris, 508, Newchwang to Swatow, 20 cents per picoul, 28 lay days.

British bark Star Queen, 789, Newchwang to Swatow, 20 cents per picoul, 30 lay days.

The following vessels have cleared seeking:

German bark Ross Bottcher, 388 tons, for Guam.

Amer. bark Escort, 336 tons, for Guam.

Laid on the berth for London if sufficient indemnity offered, British bark Antipodes, 572 tons, and American ship Titan, 1,229 tons.

French bark Charlot, 256, hence to Haiphong and back, \$1,300 in full, 27 lay days.

British ship Twilight, 630, hence to Singapore, \$1,300 in full, 27 lay days.

British steamer Amboto, 973, hence to Singapore and back, 25 cents per picoul, 11 lay days.

British steamer Golden Horn, 1,023, hence to Singapore and back, 25 cents per picoul, 11 lay days.

German bark Adolph, 867, Newchwang to Swatow, 20 cents per picoul, 20 lay days.

German bark Gustav, 656, Newchwang to Swatow, 20 cents per picoul, 35 lay days.

French bark Charlot, 256, hence to Haiphong and back, 20 cents per picoul, 27 lay days.

British ship Twilight, 630, hence to Singapore, \$1,300 in full, 27 lay days.

British steamer Amboto, 973, hence to Singapore and back, 25 cents per picoul, 11 lay days.

kong; 7, Han Kwang from Shanghai, J. Kremer, and Empress, from Amoy.

Departures during the week.—Sept. 4, Namco for Hongkong, and Killarney for London; 5, Maid of Judah for Sydney; 7, Europe for Shanghai, Douglas for Hongkong, and Fei Ho for Sharp Peak.

Shipping in Port.—Crested Wave, Alice Mary, Isle of Erin, Atholl, Henrik Ibsen, Christian, Kate Conley, Spinaway, Han Kwang, J. Kremer, and Empress.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)

Sept. 14, 1877.

FIGHTING.

George Deane, and Peter Vandenberg, seamen unemployed, were charged with fighting at the Sailors' Home. They were half drunk. Fined 25 cents each.

LARCENY.

Kong Atoon, a carpenter, was charged by Chun Mun Hing, a rent-collector, with stealing a quantity of iron bolts and nails belonging to his master. The defendant was carrying the old iron along Battery Road when he was stopped by a Chinese Constable. 14 days' hard labour.

A CURIOUS CHARGE.

Ow Yeong Sze, a coolie, was again brought up to answer the charge of stealing a bundle from a woman whom he was accompanying to Singapore. The woman had been in the Revd. Mr Leigher's employ. The defendant was sent to three months' hard labour.

OBSTRUCTION.

Cheung Asling, a contractor, was summoned by Inspector McKinney for placing a quantity of granite on the public road to the obstruction of Mercer Street. The defendant was excavating the place formerly known as the Bamboo Plantation, and he placed a quantity of stones in Mercer Street. He had been repeatedly warned against doing this. Fined \$6 and cautioned that if he continued the obstruction, the Surveyor General would probably enforce Section 19 of the Building Ordinance.

BREACH OF THE REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.

Cheng Aon, the occupant of house No 5 Cheung Hing Lane, was summoned by the Registrar General for neglecting to report a change of tenancy of the 2nd floor of the house. The occupant of this floor was occupied as a brothel without being reported as such. Fined \$15.

SECRET OF DUTY.

Matha Jeen, watchman at Capt. Sands' Slip, was found asleep at his post. He had been twice convicted before of a similar offence. Fined \$5.

BURGLARY.

Chu Apo, a grain-cutter, was charged by Inspector Cameron under the following circumstances. The Inspector said he was stationed at British Kowloon; he charged the prisoner with having in company with others who were armed, burglariously entered the house of a married woman named Chang San Moey, whose husband was away at sea, and stolen certain clothing and silver ornaments on the night of the 11th September instant, at the village of Mah Tow Wei, British Kowloon. As the burglars left, they were fired upon by one of the villagers, and it was believed that two of them were wounded, the prisoner being one of the two. The prisoner was carried into Kowloon City, by one of the other burglars, and was handed over by the Chinese Authorities to the Inspector. The prisoner is unable to leave Hospital because of his wound. The Inspector expected to arrest the other man and applied for a remand. Remanded till the 21st instant.

BREACH OF CONDITIONAL PARDON.

Yip Akow was again brought up for having returned from deportation in violation of the terms of his conditional pardon. The defendant was arrested on the 7th instant and was first brought up on the 10th. He was apprehended at Yowmashie, having been recognised by P. C. 183 as a man who had returned from banishment in violation of the terms of his conditional pardon. The defendant said he was here for the purpose of performing religious ceremonies in connection with his father's death, which took place six weeks ago at Yowmashie. The Constable stated that he knew as a fact that the defendant's adopted father died and that a religious ceremony was going on. It was customary for the family where a death had taken place to hold a ceremony every 7th day for 7 weeks. —Chan Ali, the adopted mother of the defendant, said her husband died on the 21st July, and she sent word to the defendant to apprise him of his father's death. The defendant was her only son. —Mr Bedell Lee Yun, First Interpreter at the Police Court, gave it as his opinion that in the case of the death of a parent it was the custom for the adopted or natural son to perform the ceremony. A ceremony was performed once every seventh day for seven weeks. The 1st, 3rd and final ceremonies were the most important, and the obligation of a son to attend the final ceremony was very great. In the present case, the 6th September was the day for holding the final ceremony, which might be for a few hours or several days as the circumstances of the family would admit. The witness also pointed out the Chinese law on the subject. If a man was banished, the obsequies to be observed on the death of a parent could be performed by proxy; it would have been quite lawful to do so. —Mr Mulgrave, a turkney in the Gaol, proved that the defendant was convicted of larceny with violence at the Sessions of March 1873. He was sentenced to three years' penal servitude, with three whippings of 25 strokes each time. On the 26th October 1874 he petitioned to be pardoned on condition of his being branded and deported. His prayer was granted, and he was released from Gaol on the 3rd November 1874, having been first branded on the neck and then deported. The defendant admitted having returned, but asked the mercy of the Court under the circumstances which caused his return. He was willing to be reported. —The Magistrate therefore referred the case to the Government with certain recommendations. When the case came on again to-day, the defendant was informed that the excuse he put forward was no lawful excuse, but that H. E. the Governor, on the suggestion of the Magistrate, had ordered him to be released on condition of his leaving the Colony at once. The defendant having signified his assent to do so, was accordingly discharged.

CORRESPONDENCE.

JOHN BRIGHT.

To the Editor of "The China Mail."

Hongkong, Sept. 14, 1877.

Sir,—In regard to your article of last night respecting the statement of John Bright at Manchester, while I can only agree with your remarks as applied to the London papers, may I ask if they apply with equal force to the provincial papers that is, do the provincial papers spend more on war news than is covered by their receipts on extra circulation arising from the war?

Yours faithfully,

ENQUIRER.

[Our remarks apply with equal force to the provincial papers. Several of the leading provincial papers, such as the Manchester *Guardian* and Newcastle *Chronicle*, have their correspondents at the seat of war, and there is scarcely a paper of any standing in England that does not make special and in some cases expensive arrangements for the supply by telegraph from London or elsewhere of the latest news from the scene of operations. Of course the expenditure of the provincial papers on war news is not equal to that of the London daily newspapers, simply because such outlays could not be warranted by the position and prospects of the paper, and would in most cases be ruinous.—E. C. M.]

China.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, Sept. 6.)

A telegram from Shanghai, under date 4th instant, advises, we regret to state, a severe outbreak of cholera at that port.

We are glad to observe that a Convict Service, under the auspices of the Commissioner of Customs, has been established between this port and Wenchow. A courier was despatched from this place on the 4th instant.

We understand that an effort is being made to wind up the old Pilot Company, and we trust that the attempt will be successful, as the present state of affairs is neither conducive to the public interest nor beneficial to the men themselves.

A marked diminution in the death-rate has, we are happy to state, been established during the week in the city and suburbs. Although cholera is still in our midst, and extra attention to diet consequently imperative, there are no longer any apprehensions of panic, so perhaps it may be safely predicted that the fell disorder has done its worst—for a season at least.

There was a slight inaccuracy in our paragraph last week about the S. S. *Calabar*. That vessel was, we now learn, close to Sharp Peak, about a fortnight ago, disabled, and a delay of two days took place before a Chinese gunboat went to her assistance. When subsequently seen by the S. S. *Yeo* off Ooskee, the *Calabar* was slowly making her way under sail to Amoy, at which port the day arrived, and is now undergoing heavy repairs preparatory to resuming her voyage to Swatow.

With much regret we learn of the death, on the 1st instant, of Mr John Gurney Fry, for many years resident partner in the firm of Messrs Silverlock & Co., at this port. Latterly, Mr Fry had resided in England, where his premature death (advised by telegram received yesterday) took place. The Foochow Community are indebted to the deceased gentleman for his hearty assistance in several public undertakings, notably the Club, of which he was the principal promoter.

In regard to the Porter Case, allusion to which was made in our last issue, we understand that Messrs Hannen and Noyce, Barristers at Law, have been retained by the Provincial Government. These gentlemen arrived in Foochow a few days ago, and have since, we learn, had several conferences with the native officials. It is believed that a British subject by birth, though of Chinese parentage, is implicated, though to what extent we are not fully informed. The Cantonese Tea Broker to whom we referred in our remarks last week is still in custody, and has been severely "examined," or, in other words, compelled to answer so-called legal interrogations to the satisfaction of the inquisitors. Our readers can guess how this triumph of justice has been accomplished.

A recent gun accident, though of trifling nature, nearly led, we understand, to unpleasant results a few days ago. One of the foreign residents, while in quest of scope near the Settlement, inflicted a painful wound on an old woman at work in the rice fields. As usual in such cases, the foreigner offered compensation, which the injured person expressed her willingness to accept, but ere any arrangement could be arrived at, a mob of village rowdies popped upon the offending foreigner, wrested his gun from him, and was proceeding to other violent measures when they were prevailed on to desist. Of course, foreign sportsmen ought to be careful in shooting over crop-laden ground, but at the same time if accidents do occur, especially of a trifling nature, the mob should not be permitted to take the law into its own hands.

We learn that efforts to establish trade at Wenchow, which at the outset bid fair to be crowned with a modicum of success, are suddenly and most effectually thwarted by the introduction of a lein tariff the rates of which exceed those levied at Ningpo. In addition to the import duties prescribed by treaty, levies are announced at the following high rates on the laying down cost of the goods enumerated, viz.—

Canton Piece Goods 5% per cent.

Lusters 5% "

Leatings 5% "

Camlets 5% "

Broad-cloth 7% "

Long Ells 5% "

Velvets 3% "

Cotton Yarn 3% "

Lead 5% "

Nail Rod Iron 6% "

Tin Plates 4% "

Glass (window) 4% "

Quicksilver 4% "

Opium 3% "

At the moment, native dealers are

protesting; a Canton Lekin officer is maturing spy and check plans; whilst Foreigners are looking on open-mouthed, and wondering if all this complication has not something to do with the Chefoo Convention.

—Since date of our last issue, the

business transacted has been unimportant;

and rates are not materially altered. About

800 chests of common to medium Congou have changed hands, but for other descriptions of leaf, the demand has been comparatively trifling. Export to London is now in excess of last year's shipments at corresponding date.

Total arrivals of Congou... 546,938 chests.

" settlements " 497,494 "

Stock, 49,499 chests.

Total arrivals of Souchong... 89,762 chests.

" settlements " 81,905 "

Stock, 7,857 chests.

Total arrivals of Oolong... 48,671 4-chests.

" settlements " 17,620 "

Stock, 81,051 4-chests.

Total arrivals of Flower Pecks 8,860 chests.

" settlements " 8,838 "

Stock, 221 chests.

Total arrivals of Scented Tea 98,000 boxes.

" settlements " 89,767 "

Stock, 8,288 boxes.

Settlements since 30th ultmo.—Congou 8,288

chests, at Tls. 5½ a 28 per picul short; Sou-

chong 431 chests, at Tls. 1½ a 28 per picul short;

Pekoe 52 chests, at Tls. 10 per picul short;

Oolong 88 4-chests, at Tls. 28 per picul short;

Scented Tea 80 boxes, at Tls. 25 per picul short.

TRADE.—To Great Britain—35,800

088 lbs. To Australia—11,423,643 lbs.

Freight.—To London, per steamer, £3.

Vessels Loading.—For London.—S. S.

Athol.

For Australia.—Alice Mary, Kate Conley,

Christian, and Spinaway.

For Cape Town.—Crested Wave.

For Foochow.—Steamers—Gleneagles, Antenor,

Olympia, and Agamemnon.

Exchange.—The settlements in sterling mercantile paper during the past week have been moderate in amount, at 3/12 for credits and 3/11 for documents. Little business has been reported on Hongkong Transactions on Shanghai have been small, at rates not publicly quoted.

THE TURKISH NAVY.

A Naval Correspondent writes from Therapia on June 25th:—

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SANDER & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 26, 1877. 5226

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At the principal ports in the East and Australian Colonies.

THE Company will be constituted on the 1st January, 1878, as a permanent Marine Insurance Company, to carry on the business (established in 1863) of the NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, 1875-1877.

A Reserve Fund will be formed of Tails 400,000, by setting aside a portion of the profits at such times and in such sums as the Shareholders shall decide.

The net profits of the Company for each year will be divided amongst the Shareholders, in the following manner:—

One-third over the Shares, a portion thereof being set aside for the formation of a Reserve Fund as above stated. Two-thirds as a return to Contributors (being Shareholders), in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
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Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or on Coal in Matches, or on Oil on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single.

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Agents Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

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THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

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Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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OLYPHANT & CO.,
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Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

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CAPITAL £2,000,000.

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GILMAN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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His Majesty King George The First,

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THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

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Policies for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

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Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Director.

Kwok ASHONG, Merchant.

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Manager—HO AMEI.

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OFFICE, 48, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877. 5223

INTIMATIONS.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of Notes & Queries on China and Japan, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

The CHINA REVIEW, or Notes and Queries on the Far East, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographic photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$0.50 postage paid per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian, or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a resume in each work bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), as also those queries which, though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The China Review for July and August, 1875, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty page, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address China Review, Hongkong—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.).

Trübner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of Notes and Queries on China and Japan, the extinction of which used to be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's She King, by the Rev. E. J. Eitel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connection with this important work. 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